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you live, has often recommended this practice to you from the pulpit ; and perhaps he has expressed to you in private his anxiety that you should adopt it. Besides the counsel of your clergyman, I hope you have had some encouragement of Christian example : probably there are around you a few of your own condition, if not many, whom you know to be regular worshippers of God in their families. I think also, that this duty must sometimes have come across your mind, when you were reading the Bible. Such a thought might naturally present itself, when you met with any of St. Paul's affectionate greetings to different pious Christians of those days, " and the Church that was in their house : " perhaps it would meet you again in the book of Psalms, when you heard David engaging himself to the worship of God, " secretly among the faithful," as well as openly in the congregation : and above all, I think, the bright examples of Joshua, " the servant of the Lord," of Job, " the perfect and upright man," and Abraham, " the father of the faithful and the friend of God," could not possibly fail of inspiring you with some desire to go and do likewise.

When you read of these holy men pro-

blessing and practising domestic religion in their several ways, and becoming in a manner priests as well as rulers to their own families, I make little doubt that their pattern commended itself to your conscience; that you felt a wish, that God's blessing might be over your roof, as it was over Abraham's; and that the Almighty might justify his bounties to you by the same reason—"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Gen. xviii. 19.

But Satan, or our own evil heart, is likely to present some hindrance, wherever any work of piety is in contemplation. You too, perhaps, have found it so. Almost from the moment when such a design entered your mind, objections and difficulties may have sprung up. If you have not quite given up the idea of Family prayer, you may have contented yourself hitherto with only thinking about it: you may have been satisfied to forfeit the present blessing, because of certain obstacles which must be overcome to gain it: you may have fancied, either that they are great enough to excuse you, or that you are prudently delaying till they become less.

My friend, I cannot encourage the hope

that these obstacles will become less. Under the ordinary rule by which God dispenses his grace to man, every religious habit which we put off to a more convenient season becomes, not easier, but more difficult. If however you sincerely believe in God, and wish that you and your family should be blessed along with those faithful men whose pattern is set before you in the Bible, I hope that, if you will give me a little attention, I may (under God) have the happiness of helping you to overcome those difficulties. It may be, that more of them than you suspect are only imaginary. If now, (or next Sunday, when you will have a little leisure for quiet thought) you will consent to accompany me through the following pages, I trust that our discourse will much diminish in your eyes these formidable appearances, and place before you an easy method of getting over what remains. Some part of the impediment in your mind will, I am aware, still remain, to be conquered only by your own good resolution, and the grace of God : but already, when you sit down seriously to accept the help of a fellow creature, the good work is begun.

Not knowing your particular circumstances, perhaps I cannot come at once to

that which seems to your mind the principal hindrance. But I propose, without going to any great length of words, to mention several. With most persons, it requires some courage, to begin doing any unaccustomed thing before many witnesses. You can command your family and speak upon ordinary subjects with authority and self-possession; because in age or knowledge you feel yourself in advance of them, and because you have come to occupy that place amongst them by degrees: but perhaps you have never stood before them at all in a spiritual character; and not only you feel some awe at the idea of suddenly assuming such a position, but also you begin to think that some of the family may in this respect be your superiors; you hesitate to take the lead of them.

I answer; that, whatever you yourself may be in the sight of God compared with them, he has himself for the present assigned you a superior place: you may well take a degree of confidence in his appointment, which you do not feel in yourself. Where a suitable form of words is provided for you, there is no occasion for timidity about your own faculty or gift of praying: if you read them gravely and without affectation, for so good a habit you will de-

serve and certainly receive the increased respect of all your family ; and some of them are possibly already desiring to see it established, more than you imagine.

Reflect also, how very solemnly the gospel has charged us never to be ashamed of our religion ; but to confess Christ boldly before men, as ever we hope to be owned by him in the world to come. Where can we hope to do this, if we shrink from it under our own roof, and surrounded by our nearest friends ? Reflect how God commanded parents amongst the children of Israel to talk of his Statutes when they were sitting in their house, and when they were walking by the way, and when they were lying down, and when they were rising up : and how they were to write them on the posts of their houses and on their gates (Deut. vi.). Our Saviour did not come to destroy such laws as these : but to give them a more spiritual character than before.

God called on the Apostles to confess his Son Jesus for their Lord before councils and tyrannical governors, who threatened them with death : he has called on many of your own pious countrymen of old to do the same thing in the face of Popish persecution : and surely, it appears, that

when he made you a Christian Householder he gave you a call, no less plain than theirs, to make that confession in the middle of a peaceful family. But yours is a trial of courage, light indeed compared with theirs. No spies are watching for your words and listening at your door. You in the practice of your religion are screened from harm on every side: I cannot think that you will rest contented to withhold that service from your Heavenly Father, which others under such very different circumstances have freely offered to Him.

But, secondly; perhaps you will say that you are not afraid of these domestic faces; you are ready to profess the faith of Christ before them; only you have a great dread of being found hypocritical either before God or men: you believe in your own heart that a man's religion may be sincere and practical, whilst amidst worldly affairs and duties he can hardly hope that it will act very powerfully upon his feelings. And this you find to be your condition. Therefore, though you would be glad to pray along with your family, you shrink from using many expressions, such as you commonly meet with in books of prayer. As a conscien-

tious man, you do not wish to utter words of penitence for sin, or of affection for the Almighty, beyond the measures of that fear and love which you actually feel. Neither do you wish to set before your family or enjoin on them a state of feelings, about which you are not really certain how far God requires it of them. Words, which might properly come from a minister of the gospel, you conceive unsuitable to be said by you.

For all these scruples I have the greatest respect: I hope that they arise out of a spirit of truthfulness which God loves. All Christians indeed are called in the Bible a holy priesthood; but there is certainly a difference between being priest of a family, and priest of a congregation.

In the following pages, however, I have kept this constantly in mind. I have taken the greatest care to introduce no words, which might go beyond the feelings expected from every Christian. On Friday, the day of our Blessed Saviour's death, and on Sunday, which is the Sabbath of his disciples, our Church instructs us to aim at a greater exercise of religious feeling, than that of which we are capable continually; and I have framed the devotions of those days accordingly, but not

without the same precaution as for other occasions. If, after reflecting on these observations, you still find some expressions in the prayers, about the use of which you hesitate, I think that on looking more closely into the actual meaning of those words, your objection to them will be removed. For possibly you have taken some words to be a profession of religious emotions, which are in reality no more than a serious declaration of our spiritual state ; which do not express our feelings, but our condition.

For example ; when in the Church Litany we declare ourselves to be miserable sinners, we humbly confess a truth which we certainly know out of the Scriptures ; that we have sinned to an amount which would naturally and justly bring great misery as its consequence, and that God's mercy is our only way of escaping that misery.

We dare not assert that we are sufficiently touched with the feeling of our wickedness ; or I scarcely know who at all could venture to utter that prayer. But, we acknowledge about our spiritual condition a truth which we are certainly assured of ; in order that we may be humbled by the contemplation of it, and may gradually

feel it more. There need be no insincerity in doing this. Likewise, you will find in the following pages many solemn assertions; but very little about the state of mind in which yourself or your fellow-worshippers may be at the moment. For I cannot tell how Satan may be permitted to distract you, even whilst you are on your knees. But I know from Holy Scripture something concerning the sins, the needs, and the responsibilities of every man living; about which nothing short of the truth ought to be said; and by the daily confession of which the true spirit of our religion will be much preserved both in you and your household.

Imagery and fanciful expressions are generally but little suited to forms of devotion, especially where those forms are intended for frequent use. They may assist the attention once or twice, but they soon become wearisome. At the same time brief and emphatic language is almost necessary. I have therefore endeavoured (to the best of my power) to make these prayers reverential, without losing sight of the actual things and persons to be prayed for. And, if I have at all departed from customary modes of speaking, it has only been, that I might resort to the plainer

and equally familiar words of the English Bible.

I have aimed at the more simplicity, because you may possibly be quite unaccustomed to reading aloud. If so, remember that the difficulty of reading these prayers in an unaffected manner would be very soon overcome. After a few weeks' use, you would grow as familiar with them as with the Church Prayer Book itself. Or, you might privately read the whole book through on two or three successive Sundays, before you used it in the family.

There is one more apprehension which I am aware that conscientious persons sometimes entertain with regard to morning prayers. They think, that in those busy hours when man (at God's command) goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening, it is next to impossible to collect the family at any one time : if they can be collected, they are hardly in outward attire fit for the worship of God ; nor, (which is of far more importance) can they possibly set their own thoughts at liberty for so sacred an employment. I reply : be it observed first, for fear of self deception, that none of these objections apply in the same manner to the evening ; when the duties of the day are over, there

is little room for doubting that any Christian family may be conveniently assembled for prayer. With regard to the morning, it must be owned that in different ranks of life, men are far from having equal opportunities: and God is mercifully considerate of the situation in which each of us is placed. But we have great need here to recollect the wisdom of the children of this world, who say, Where there is a will there is a way. Will you venture to think, that no man of your rank and business finds the opportunity, or makes it, of doing this service to his Creator? I beseech you, suffer not any slight impediments, much less such as are only imaginary, to deprive you of such a safeguard and blessing. If anybody partakes along with you the first meal in the morning, if anybody else prepares it, there are at least one or two persons, who can join you in prayer before you sit down to your daily food. If there are more of the family within call, their work will suffer a few minutes' delay; but those few minutes offered to a heavenly Master will probably bring you a double return in the increase of their dutifulness and fidelity. As for their outward appearance, it must needs be in conformity with the nature of their occupation; unless a

frock or an apron can be put on or off. But be not scrupulous about this: surely they will be no less acceptable before God.

As for the thoughts, it does not usually cost a well-disposed person many moments to collect them devoutly for prayer. If you have leisure to read aloud a short lesson of Holy Scripture, which I think you might almost always do in the evening, those moments would be supplied. This is the best way, both for yourself and your family, of composing your minds. However, as this may not be possible for you in the morning, and even at night hindrances may occasionally arise, I have placed before each family prayer two or three verses selected from the Bible. If you read gravely *one* or *two* of these sentences to your family standing, before you all kneel down to pray, everybody will have time to recollect themselves and to approach their Maker reverently, when the prayer is begun.

But should any member of the family be occupied at the time with things which cannot fail to keep hold upon their thoughts, as the care of restless animals, attendance upon departing guests or customers, watching children, machinery, fires, and the like; then I do not so much as recommend their joining you. Your wor-

ship will the more glorify God, when all around you feel that it is reasonable and voluntary. It will do some good (perhaps more than you think) that these persons outside are conscious how you are employed within : and if their heart is with you, they will not lack a share of the blessing which attends your petitions.

You will find in the following pages a few short prayers, between those provided for each morning and evening. I meant them for your own private use, to be said with the Lord's Prayer at any convenient time of day. Indeed, any of the other prayers might be offered by you when alone. There is no objection to saying " We," in our solitary addresses to God. Whatever is desirable for you, is equally needful for many other fellow Christians, although you do not see them beside you. And our Saviour (as you know), by the pattern of the Lord's Prayer, gives us some encouragement to pray in this form, instead of asking for ourselves alone.

I said at the beginning, that a certain amount of hesitation might probably remain in your mind which only the grace of God would remove. However, I am assured that his grace is frequently given through the ministry of weak and unwor-

thy agents like myself: and I venture to hope that the foregoing observations will in some degree have assisted your resolution to commence family prayer. I beg you to consider how many thousand Christian householders in this favoured country (and of all ranks) practise this holy custom, and find fresh peace and satisfaction in it every day. Add one to their number. Amongst them, no doubt, are the men for whose sake God is so gracious to this land. Be of their part; and I almost dare to promise you, from the Almighty, that blessing on which David calculated—In the time of trouble He shall hide thee in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall He hide thee, and set thee up upon a rock of stone.

Of Reading the Bible to your Family.

AS reading a lesson out of Holy Scripture is not an indispensable part of family devotion, in the foregoing discourse I abstained from enlarging upon it, and confined myself entirely to the subject of prayer. But they are duties so nearly related, that I trust a few more words may not be unacceptable, to show how the Bible can be conveniently used in connection with this habit.

I am not going to recommend any scheme, by which the Christian householder might in due course of time read the whole Scripture throughout ; because I am persuaded that no amount of public reading would, by itself, make a man "mighty in the Scriptures;" and, therefore, I am much afraid of any method which might supersede personal study of the Word of God. In England the opinion seems rapidly increasing, that every man should judge for himself of the religion offered to him by his Church and her teachers ; and, for my own part, I believe it their bounden duty to strive by all means to qualify men, in conscience and in knowledge, for this high office of an intelligent being ; at the same time, it seems to me impossible for a man really to attain this faculty, except by becoming thoughtfully familiar with the whole Bible, and reading it *in large continuous portions* by himself in private. I should be sorry to suggest to you any habit, which might possibly, either in your own case or that of any other member of your family, take the place of personal study and meditation upon Holy Writ.

Nevertheless, to read a short portion of the Scriptures in your family daily, is a

very valuable practice. For though the listeners cannot much deliberate at the moment on what they hear, yet by degrees a great store is laid up in their memory ; their capacity for comparing one part of the Bible with another is much increased by it ; they will understand the meaning of many allusions made in sermons to Holy Scripture, which would otherwise escape their notice : and it will often happen, that something which the master of the family is reading will touch their conscience with regard to daily and immediate duties.

I observed before, that a short lesson (so to call it) read in this manner naturally serves one good purpose ; that of composing the mind for prayer.

As, however, this little book is mainly written for those classes, whose duties leave them only short intervals of leisure, I apprehend that many of them (even with a willing mind to do more) can read to their families only in the evening.

If you are in circumstances which permit a lesson before morning prayer, I would suggest to you to read regularly the historical books of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Esther, dividing the longest chapters into two parts ; and omitting

those which are principally lists of names ; and those also, which, from the nature of the shameful deeds reprov'd in them, cannot be openly read without distress. To these I would add the book of Daniel ; and after that, commence with Genesis again.

But, should you have no leisure in the morning, or be unable to assemble more than one or two persons, then I would advise that no lesson should be attempted on that occasion.

Whatever you decide for the morning, I hope, by God's blessing, that neither indolence, nor labour for the meat that perisheth, will hinder you from taking up your Bible at evening prayers. I think you will find the course arranged for you in the following table both convenient in itself, and suitable to that scheme of devotions which are supplied to us in the ordinances of our Church. My wish, throughout, has been to make a pious custom easy to the unlearned ; and, therefore, in this arrangement I have been careful to omit those books which might be difficult, either to read aloud, or to understand.

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A TABLE

Showing how those parts of the Bible which are most practical and easiest to be understood may be conveniently read to a family in single chapters every evening throughout the year.

<i>First Half-year.</i>	<i>From Advent to Trinity Sunday.</i>
From the beginning of Advent till Lent.	Read the Gospel of S. Matthew, and those which follow.
On Ash-Wednesday and throughout Lent.	Leave off the Gospels and read in order the following: namely, Romans 2. 6. 8. 12. 13. 14. 15. 1 Corinthians 1. 13. 2 Corinthians 1. 5. Galatians 5. 6. Ephesians 2. 4. 5. 6. Colossians 3. 4. Philippians (all). 1 and 2 Thessalonians (all). 1 and 2 Timothy (all). Titus (all). Hebrews 10, 11, 12, 13.
On Easter day and till Ascension Day.	Psalms 1. 6. 15. 16. 17. 19. 22. 23. 25. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 37. 38. 40. 41. 50. 51. 63. 66. 69. 71. 73. 77. 91. 92. 101. 103. 104. 107. 121. 130. 132. 139. 143. 145. 146. 147. 148.
On Ascension Day till Trinity Sunday.	James (all). 1 Peter (all).

<i>Second half-year.</i>	<i>From Trinity Sunday till Advent.</i>
On Trinity Sunday and till Advent.	Return to the Gospels where you left off before Lent, and continue to read them in order to the end.
	Then read as follows :
	Acts of the Apostles.
	2 Peter.
	1 2 3 John.
	Jude.
	Rev. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 19. 21. 22.
	Then read from the Old Testament,
	Job 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 8. 15. 19. 24. 25. 26. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 42.
	Proverbs 1. 2. 3. 4. 6. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 28.
	Ecclesiastes 1. 2. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 11. 12.
	Isaiah 1. 2. 5. 6. 11. 24. 25. 26. 32. 35. 37. 38. 39. 40. 43. 49. 50. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 63. 64.
	Jeremiah 1. 4. 7. 11. 29. 30. 34. 35. 42. 44. 52.
	Lamentations 1. 3.
	Ezekiel 2. 3. 20. 36.
	Daniel 1. 3. 4. 5. 6. 9. 10. 12.
	Hosea 6. 13. 14.
	Jonah (all).
	Micah 3. 4. 6. 7.
	Habakkuk 1. 2. 3.
	Haggai 1. 2.
	Zechariah 1. 2. 7. 8. 9.
	Malachi (all).

*** Note that if there are unusually long chapters, they may be divided into two lessons : and if any days remain unprovided for before Advent, the Epistle to the Hebrews may be read in order, or two portions of the 119th Psalm daily, during that interval.



Sunday.

* * * *If any of the following Prayers appear too long for continual use, the passages separated by [] may be omitted by the person who reads.*



MORNING. 1. All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Pss. cxlv. cxviii.*

2. The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared unto all men; teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. *Tit. ii.*

3. Many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. *Isai. ii.*

Let us pray.

O MOST holy and ever-blessed God, Lord of the Sabbath, be pleased to grant us this day a spirit of godly fear and love, that our devotions may be acceptable in thy sight. We adore thy bounty, O heavenly Father, for all things in which thou hast provided for our necessities and enlarged our comforts : and in all humility we glorify thy patience and long suffering, in that thou hast borne with our sins, and spared our lives, and now afresh invitest us in thy beloved Son Jesus Christ to seek from Thee happiness and salvation.

We pray thee to release us this day from all sinful desires and all worldly cares ; that we may spend our Sabbath as thy true children with all becoming reverence both of body and spirit, looking forward ever with a livelier hope to thy kingdom in heaven. Vouchsafe to sustain the infirmity of our mortal nature against indolence or forgetfulness of thee. Lift up our hearts to a saving belief in the gospel of thy Divine Son Jesus Christ ; that in sincere repentance of our evil deeds we may find through him comfort against the past, and sanctification for the time to come.

We resolve, O Lord, in thy strength no longer to live the rest of our time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. Open our eyes that we may see the wisdom and righteousness of all thy commandments. Dispose us to remember, that we have here no continuing city ; but that we seek one to come ; and set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

To this end, O Lord, we intreat thy blessing on the religious exercises of this day. Sanctify our going out and coming in. Teach us to find pleasure in thinking of and numbering out thy mercies. Fill us with cheerful piety, and put into us a spirit of good-will to all our fellow creatures.

Extend the tokens of thine approval to all who faithfully observe thy Sabbath : keep them and their families in health, peace and godliness ; bless the fruits of the earth, and nourish the beasts of the field for their sake.

[Increase the faith of those who under thy wise decrees are suffering affliction ; and grant to them that through patience and comfort of thy Holy Word they may find relief.]

And as we beseech thy favour on those

who for thy glory cease from worldly labours, so we intreat thee, O God, to prosper those who labour in thy vineyard and in the cause of our most holy religion.

Pour forth thy grace on all true ministers of thy Word and Sacraments : strengthen the hearts of those pious men who preach the Lord Jesus Christ to ignorant and heathen nations : increase the spiritual gift of all parents and teachers who are training up children in thy holy ways : guide thou the footsteps and supply the word of consolation to all who for Christ's sake visit the sick and cheer the sorrowful.

O heavenly Father, we magnify thy goodness for all the privileges which we enjoy as members of a Christian church ; for the light of thy Word, for thy sacraments, thy Sabbaths, thy ministers, the service of thy holy angels, and the company of thy faithful people. Surely we ought to say, Thou hast not dealt so with any nation. Keep us in the continued use of all these mercies, that we may come at last to the eternal Sabbath of our Lord and Saviour ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be adoration and glory now and evermore. *Amen.*

MORNING. (*Or this ;*)

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we thy children do bow and humble ourselves before thee, confessing that our natural hearts are given to evil continually ; and that of ourselves we are not worthy to approach thy presence or to be called thy sons : but in the name of thy true and only Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer we beseech Thee graciously to hear our prayers.

It is of thy good providence, O Lord, that the Sabbath was ordained, to refresh the souls of men, and to give them rest from the works and business of this present world. But, so long as we live in the flesh, we are troubled about many things, and prone to forget the one thing needful.

We therefore beseech thee, as thou didst raise up on this holy day thy Son Jesus from the dead, so grant us grace that we may rise in heart from sin and worldliness ; that we may resolve to keep thy Sabbath piously, and to find our pleasure and our profit in obedience to thy gracious commandment.

Help us to be duly occupied in those employments which concern the welfare of our souls : bless us with a cheerful zeal to

attend thy sanctuary : grant us penitence for all our offences, earnestness in our prayers, a grateful remembrance of thy manifold mercies, and reverent attention to what we hear out of thy Holy Word, that we may profit thereby. Bless thy ministers therefore, good Lord, whom thou hast appointed to offer up the sacrifices of prayer and praise with thy people, and to instruct them in all spiritual knowledge : give them wisdom to understand thy gospel ; give them diligence and faithfulness to teach the flocks committed to their charge ; and uphold them in a blameless life, that men may know them to be good shepherds and hear their voice.

We humbly offer up our petitions in behalf of all who profess the Christian faith, that they may glorify thee by good works, and live (as immortal beings) worthy of the kingdom to which thou hast called them. Mercifully, O Lord, forgive the sins of thy people. Renew to them thy heavenly grace ; and perfect that which is wanting in their obedience.

Have compassion on all men who know not the comforts of our holy religion ; guide to them the feet of those who preach the glad tidings of the gospel of peace ; and enlighten them with thy Holy Spirit,

that they may be brought to repentance and salvation.

Hide not thy face, O heavenly Father, from the broken-hearted and sorrowful; raise up to them amongst their fellow creatures friends and comforters, and make this thy Sabbath a day of rest and peace to their souls.

Visit with thy favour our relations and Christian neighbours of every degree, that all in their several places may serve and glorify thee: grant to us, that we may dwell together here in unity, and at last be made worthy of thy kingdom and eternal glory through the mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Noon (or any other time of day). *A*

Prayer for Lowliness of Spirit.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast warned us in the example of the Pharisee against the blindness of our mortal nature, and by the Publican hast taught us the blessedness of a humble contrite spirit,

grant that I may never forfeit thy mercies by setting too much by mine own self, or despising others ; but that ever in thy house, and in all places, I may be lowly in mine own eyes, and obtain the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in thy sight is of great price ; through thy help and holy pattern, who now fittest at the right hand of God, world without end. Amen.

NOON. *A Prayer for the right using of Holy Scripture : Private.*

O HEAVENLY Father, who in thy mercy hast provided all things needful both for my soul and body, I humbly thank thee, that thou hast given me the Holy Scriptures to arm me against the trials of this world, to cheer me with thy gracious promises, and to lead me to thine ever-blessed Son Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Suffer me not to neglect this heavenly treasure, which has been the joy and consolation of thy saints in every age, lest there come upon me an evil heart of unbelief, and I turn away from thee.

But rather, Lord, let thy Spirit, which spake in times past unto thy people by prophets and apostles, speak unto me now in

the reading of thy precious Word ; that I may become wise unto salvation, and may spiritually discern what I read : so that, by pure faith and godly conversation I may glorify thee and thy holy Son Jesus, and may grow in the same unto my life's end. Amen.

EVENING. 1. Every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them heard I saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Rev. v.*

2. We were by nature children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-with he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. *Ephes. ii.*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God and our most merciful Father, we desire, before we lie down to rest, to close this sacred day with a humble offering of praise for

all the benefits which we have enjoyed. Forgive us, good Lord, for our Redeemer's sake, whatever sinfulness or infirmity thou hast discerned in our acts of worship ; we implore thy pardon, if during this day the world has too much intruded upon our thoughts, or if in any way we have sought our pleasure and refreshment beyond the boundaries of thy commandment.

Be pleased to bless the spiritual works in which we have been engaged ; that Christ our Saviour may abide with us, and we with him ; that by his grace we may more continually remember thee in our ways, and stand in awe of thy judgements, and fix our hearts on thy rewards.

Grant us with every Sabbath to meditate afresh on the work which thou hast given us to do, in following the footsteps of thy beloved Son ; and to remember that the time is short.

Grant us a good resolution henceforth to govern all our ways by the commandments of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and in his strength to strive effectually against all temptations.

Grant us to take encouragement from the pattern of thy saints in Scripture, who through faith pleased thee on earth, and kept thy word, and at last entered into thy rest.

Grant that we may live continually as servants waiting for their Lord, and may behold his face with joy unspeakable and full of glory, when he shall come again to judge the world.

Extend these blessings, O gracious Father, to all believers, especially those with whom we have to-day been assembled in thy sanctuary. Mercifully accept our united offerings, and help us to live according to our prayers. Impart the comforts of thy Sabbath and the riches of thy grace to all who were hindered by duty, affliction, or infirmity, from attending thy worship.

[Look down in pity on those who are destroying themselves by carelessness or wilful transgression. O Saviour of sinful men, in thee is their help: intercede for them, that they may be converted and forgiven, and learn to live better to their own happiness and their Redeemer's glory.]

Accept our thanksgivings, O Lord, for thy continued care of us. Again we intreat thy protection, that we may lie down in peace and take our rest. Be thou our guardian whilst we are passing through this earthly pilgrimage. Sanctify to us our prosperity: sustain our weakness: comfort us in our tribulations: spare us when

we deserve punishment, or chasten us in mercy for our good : and bring us at last to the place which thou hast prepared for thy faithful people, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Monday.

MORNING. 1. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not : they are renewed every morning. *Lam. iii.*

2. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength : they shall run and not be weary ; they shall walk and not faint. *Isai. xl.*

3. Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast : how excellent is thy mercy, O God ! And the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. *Psalms xxxvi.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast caused the day and night to succeed each other in a wonderful order, we humbly approach the

throne of grace, beseeching thee to accept our united offerings of prayer and praise.

Above all other things we are evermore bound to glorify thee for the redemption of our souls, and the unspeakable gift of Christ to sinful men. But many and undeserved are the mercies with which thou hast surrounded us in our earthly state. Praised be thou, O heavenly Father, who makest thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust.

We bless thee for all the faculties of body and mind, which are renewed to us every morning, and for those various goods and comforts, in the enjoyment of which thy providence has kept us safely unto the present hour.

As thou hast ordained that man should go forth to his work and to his labour until the evening, we pray thee to give us whatsoever is needful to us of strength and skill ; and withal a willing spirit, that each of us in his respective place may discharge his duties faithfully.

To whatever works thy providence has called us, grant that, for thy sake, they may be honoured and acceptable in our eyes. Grant that we may be gentle and well-disposed to all, in whose company

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thou hast cast our lot and appointed our labours. Make us to be truthful, fair, and kind in all our dealings.

[Thine eye, O Lord, is in every place, beholding the evil and the good : whatsoever we go about in thy faith and fear, thou canst make it to prosper. Arm us against the snares of pleasure, and the temptations of sloth ; that a good conscience may be ever with us, and thine approval a continual spring to us of encouragement and joy.]

Teach us to look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others ; that we may have a heart to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep. Use us to be helpful and accommodating to all our neighbours, and to esteem it a blessing, when, like our Saviour, we are pleasing others rather than ourselves.

O Lord, we beseech thee to sanctify and bless all Christian people. Sustain and comfort those who have dangerous callings by land or sea ; and all who are oppressed in heart by toil, and pain, and wearisome employments, and the unkindness of their fellow-men.

Increase the faith and patience of those, who through old age and sickness cannot

work ; instruct them how to profit by thy dispensations, and raise up friends to them for the due supply of their earthly needs.

Give to the prosperous a thankful and benevolent spirit : impart resignation to the sorrowful : fill with thine own holy presence the hearts of those who are bereaved of earthly friends : and grant to us all an even, sober mind ; so that in every time and place remembering thee, we may continue to be the objects of thy care and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NOON.—*A Prayer for Godliness : private.*

O GRACIOUS God, who hast bidden us to love thee with all our heart, as our chief duty and our greatest happiness, teach me to discern thy fatherly and tender mercies in all thy ways ; in the blessings which surround me ; in my comforts and in my trials ; in all the past events which have befallen me ; and in all thy heavenly promises, of which I hope to be partaker. Help me to look up with a grateful spirit to thy Beloved Son, who deigned to become my fellow creature, and the com-

panion of weak and humble men on earth, in order that he might draw us unto himself. May I store my memory with his gentle words and affectionate deeds ; truly desiring to be like him on earth, and hereafter with him in heaven. Give me joy in the Holy Ghost, that I may delight to account myself under his guidance and to listen to his counsels in my heart.

O Lord Jesu, assist me in my desires, enlighten me in thy Gospel, [sanctify me in thy holy supper] that I may know thee better and serve thee more truly unto my life's end. Amen.

A Prayer for godly Fear : private.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast warned us of a deadly enemy, stronger than flesh and blood, ever seeking to hinder our salvation, give me a religious mind to believe thy word : so that I may be fearful of the assaults of the Devil, and mistrustful of my mortal nature ; that I may put on the whole armour of God, and by prayer and watchfulness may be able to stand against all temptations ; through Him, who alone delivered us from the power of Satan, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING. 1. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven and whose sin is covered.—For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found. *Ps. xxxiii.*

2. Every one that asketh, receiveth : and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.—Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. *Matt. vii. Prov. xviii.*

Let us pray.

O MOST holy and all-seeing God, the observer of all our thoughts and words and works, thou that hast been our guardian and preserver ever since we were born, we kneel down to thank thee for the mercies of another day, by which our lives have been prolonged.

Forgive us, O gracious Father, whatever has this day been added to the number of our offences ; if we have neglected or turned aside from any of our duties ; if we have forgotten or broken any of thy commandments to the dishonour of thy holy name, or the injury of our neighbour ; if we have made our bodies the servants of sin, or suffered unchaste or un-

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charitable thoughts to linger in and defile our hearts. We cannot tell how often we have offended ; but we beseech from thee a spirit of watchfulness to discern our iniquities, and grace to repent of and correct them for the time to come. We know, O Lord, that there is but one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of mankind. Increase our faith in thy beloved Son. We pray thee to accept his sufferings, and to hear his intercessions for us ; and grant us daily to keep with greater zeal and love the precepts which he has given us.

Assist us, by the remembrance of our own infirmities and misdeeds, to subdue all anger and resentment of our neighbours' faults. Let not the sun go down upon our wrath ; but may the consciousness of a forgiving spirit and a charitable disposition be to us every evening an unfailing token of thy peace.

Suffer not the anxieties and cares of this world now to trouble us : for it is thou, Lord, only which makest us to dwell in safety. Be thou again our protection during the darkness and silence of the night. Give to thy holy angels charge concerning us ; and preserve us in innocence, that we do nothing to forfeit thy almighty care.

Have compassion on all our afflicted fellow-creatures, whosoever of them under thy righteous will are in heaviness through manifold temptations ; relieve their watchfulness and lighten their tribulations with a sure hope in thee.

Have mercy, O heavenly Father, on all those unhappy persons, who are led away to defy thy power and to despise thy laws : discover to them their guilt and misery : loose them from the bondage of Satan, and draw them in thy compassion to the feet of him who taketh away the sins of the world.

And now, O Lord, we conclude with blessing thy holy name for all the undeserved bounties which thou hast shewn us, and for the hope of all good things to come. We glorify thee, that we have not been left to walk in wickedness. We pray that we may not be high minded, but fear ; and in the light of thy Gospel we may keep the paths of peace and holiness to our lives' end : all which we ask in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Tuesday.

MORNING. 1. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—He hath chosen us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. *Rom. viii. Ephes.*

2. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. *Psa. xxxiv.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the Father of all the families of the earth, and hast determined the time and place of their habitation, we bless thy holy name for all the mercies which we partake of as members of an uncorrupted church, and citizens of a free and peaceful country. We acknowledge it to be of thy good providence, that we were born of a nation, amongst whom thy righteous laws are known and respected; where we have so many encouragements to godliness, and so many opportunities of serving thee without harm

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or fear. Nor do we less magnify thy goodness, O Lord, for the place and condition which thou hast appointed to each of us : we know that thou art no respecter of persons : thy mercies are over all thy works ; thou only hast wisdom to discern what circumstances will best contribute to our salvation and eternal happiness.

O give us grace to accept these blessings with a thankful heart. Fill us with earnest zeal to live as children of a righteous seed, that keepeth thy truth. Let us not by an ungodly life do harm to our country, or dishonour the Christian brotherhood which we belong to : but rather, being filled with a devout sense of thy mercies, and desiring the good of our fellow men, may we discharge the duties of our station faithfully, serve thee in love, and do to others as we would they should do unto us.

We beseech thee, O merciful God, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, to forgive us the iniquities which we have committed, and the duties we have neglected. Too often we have been, in many ways, unfaithful stewards of thine abundant gifts. There have been times when we were heedless of thy bounties, dissatisfied with our lot, seekers of our own good alone, or unwilling to serve our fellow-creatures.

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Make us to repent sincerely of all our errors and defects ; renew and strengthen in us better resolutions ; keep in our memory the bright example of thy saints, who were faithful and perfect in their generations ; above all, of thy beloved Son, whose meat and drink it was to do thy will. [Grant us thy Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, that we may neither despise any, who in outward state are beneath us, nor envy those whom thou in this life hast placed above us ; but may we all cheerfully pursue our callings, and prosper under thy good providence, and live in peace.]

Give grace, O God, to men of every degree ; unite them in one common desire to use with fidelity the talents with which thou hast entrusted them. Bless the rulers of our land, that they may be uncorrupt amidst the temptations of wealth and power ; and in their high station may glorify by word and example the Gospel of Christ. Guard the clergy from an indolent and worldly spirit, and prosper their faithful ministry of thy Word. Especially we beseech thy favour on those to whose immediate care, in church or state, we ourselves have been committed. Give wisdom, righteousness, and compassion to those who

have the oversight of the poor. Pour forth thy consolations to the needy, lonely, and afflicted; and grant that all the fruits of Christianity may abound in us more and more, so that finally, with all the spirits of the just, we may be made perfect in thy eternal kingdom, through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

NOON.—*A Prayer for Righteousness.*
(*Private.*)

O GOD of peace, who hast made of one blood all nations, and for our welfare hast commanded us to love our neighbour as ourselves, I beseech thee to give me a righteous disposition in all my behaviour with my fellow men.

Clear my understanding from the deceits of selfishness, that I may discern what is just, and render unto all their due: whether I seek my profit in the hire of other men's labour, or in the disposal of my own to them, give me grace to make all my engagements fairly, and to fulfil them with integrity; to deceive no man; never to contract unrighteous debts, or to

disappoint the just expectation of those around me ; but to keep my word, though it be to my own hindrance. Guard me against aggravating the burden of the unfortunate, by taking advantage of them in their time of need. Put far away from me, O Lord, the evil spirit of cruelty, harshness, and revenge. Restrain my tongue, that I may never injure the reputation of my neighbours, great or small ; or offer them provocation ; or hurt their feelings ; or set myself to pass judgement upon their sins : but give me thy blessing, that I may owe them nothing, but to love and help them according to my power, for the sake of him who hath called us to his holy brotherhood, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

EVENING. 1. Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it : except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. *Ps. cxxvii.*

2. The ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them ; but the transgressors shall fall therein.—Keep

mercy and judgement; and wait upon thy God continually. *Hosea xiv. xii.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and by whose good providence we have been brought to dwell under one roof together, bless us at this time, we beseech thee, with an united spirit, that our devotions may be acceptable in thy sight.

We praise and glorify thee, O heavenly Father, for thy continued care of us; for the lives which thou hast prolonged, the necessities and comforts which thou hast bestowed upon us, and for all thine unknown mercies in hourly protecting us amidst the perils and troubles of this mortal state.

As thy Almighty hand hath been over us, so have thine eyes been with us in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Be pleased, for Christ's sake, to accept our imperfect endeavours to fulfil thy commandments: and, if we have any where neglected them to do that which was good in our own eyes, if we have at all yielded our bodies to overmuch indulgence, our tongues to evil discourse, or our hearts to worldliness and vain desires,

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be thou still merciful to us, O Lord, to pardon our backslidings, both now and at the day of judgement.

Forgive us, if in any matter we have fallen short of our duty to one another, as we also desire to pass over any unkindness or offence which we ourselves may have experienced. Enable us more and more to conquer all evil passions of our fallen nature, and to strive after those graces which may fit us for thy heavenly kingdom.

Keep us this night, if it be thy good pleasure, from sickness and accidents, from fire and tempest, and from the hands of wicked men. Preserve us from our own carnal will, and from the whisperings and assaults of Satan. Grant us refreshing sleep; and, when we wake, enable us to lift up our hearts to thee and thy law.

Watch over those families, with whom we are united by the bonds of neighbourhood and kindred: keep them, O Lord, in safety, and uphold them evermore in the ways of godliness. Grant to us all a hearty desire to live in peace, and in a brotherly spirit to succour and edify one another; that we may escape the end of the wicked, and after this life may be received into the everlasting communion

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of thy redeemed people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday.

MORNING. I. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the tongue confession is made unto salvation. —For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. *Rom. x.*

2. He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary of well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. *Gal. vi.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our holy Creator and our righteous Judge, from whom there is no darkness or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves, we do not presume of our own worthiness to approach thy presence or to

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offer our prayers. But in the merits of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the knowledge of thy compassions, and the belief of thy Gospel, we look up to thee for pardon and acceptance. For thou resistest the proud, and givest grace unto the humble.

We bless thee, O our God, for all thy wondrous acts of goodness to us sinful men; for thine unwearied patience towards us; for thy compassion which in the worst of our misdeeds has chastened us in measure, and many times altogether spared us; and for the tender invitations to repentance and obedience, which thou hast so often renewed to us.

O teach us to account each succeeding day as a fresh call of thy Fatherly voice to amendment and a holier life. Open the eyes of our understanding this day, that we may see those paths wherein we should walk, and all those snares which it will be our happiness to fear and shun. Grant us especial watchfulness to take heed of those temptations which have already some time prevailed against us: arouse us to flee from all those lusts which would war against and defile our soul. Suffer us not because of thy forbearance to forget our manifold offences; let not a good reputa-

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tion amongst our fellow-creatures lift us up to pride, nor the flatteries of our own heart deceive us ; but in the sufferings of our Divine Redeemer, let us ever humbly contemplate the reality and greatness of our iniquities, which thou didst lay on him.

Enable us henceforth to take up our cross daily, whatever trials thou appointest for us : aid us to pursue our duties with a good conscience, to avoid all evil words, and to strive against all unholy thoughts ; so that, cleansing the inside of the cup, we may be delivered from the portion of the hypocrite, and live unblameably before men and before thee.

Continue thine accustomed mercies, O Lord, to our brethren that are in the world. Strengthen the hearts of thy true servants in every place : be thou their shield and their exceeding great reward. Comfort all those, who suffer reproach or injury for righteousness' sake ; and in thine own good time deliver them. Have pity on those who are self-deceived ; turn them in thy mercy from darkness and the power of Satan ; and prosper the work of those who endeavour in love to convert them from the error of their ways.

Bestow on us all such things as are

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needful to us in this mortal life; and enable us to live in grateful remembrance of thy manifold goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MORNING. *Or this.*

O GREAT and ever-blessed God, the author of our being, and the preserver of our life from day to day, we kneel to thank thee for the return of thy wonted mercies; and we beseech thee to enrich us with thy heavenly grace, that we may go forth with grateful hearts to fulfil thy commandments.

It is thy righteous law, O God, that by his own toil and industry man should be sustained. Give us a willing spirit to accept our several duties cheerfully, and to be active and persevering in the discharge of them: vouchsafe to us of thy fatherly bounty such maintenance and earthly provision as thou seest to be for our good: lighten our burdens, and multiply our blessings, where it is thy gracious will; but above all things, give us a contented heart, that in every change and trial we may be satisfied of thy care and love, and never remove our confidence from thee.

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Bless us in all our transactions with our Christian brethren ; that we may deal with them in a spirit of righteousness and godly love, in all affairs considering their needs and benefit as well as our own, and showing to them a neighbourly disposition both in word and deed.

Make us to remember that men of every condition are equally regarded by thee, and that we are members one of another ; so that in all our behaviour we may be kind and courteous, and learn to show due respect to every fellow-creature.

Remove far from us selfish desires, and vain-glorious thoughts ; guard us against the temptations of deceit and covetousness. If thou art pleased to make our endeavours prosperous, suffer us not to set too much by our own skill and forethought ; but rather may we ascribe to thee our prosperity ; and may our loving-kindness be enlarged to others, as thine to us.

[If for thy righteous purposes we are diminished and brought low, O teach us a spirit of resignation to thy holy will. Lead us to think of thy beloved Son, who had not where to lay his head : strengthen us against the cares of this world, and in due season bring all our troubles to a joyful issue.]

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Whilst we are toiling for the meat that perisheth, help us to keep in mind our heavenly inheritance that we may be laying up treasure there. Give us true penitence for all our past iniquity, and humble faith, that through the atonement of our righteous Saviour we may be cleansed and forgiven.

Enable us henceforth to strive with watchfulness and prayer against all temptations: preserve our bodies in temperance, our hearts in purity, our tongues in charity, and all our desires in the way of thy holy commandments.

Bless with thy providence and heavenly grace our neighbours and friends, and guard them in the performance of their respective duties from sin and danger, that they and we may at last be made perfect in thy eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be adoration and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



NOON. *A Prayer for Sobriety: Private.*

ALMIGHTY God, who of thy wisdom hast ordained us to a changeable, uncertain life, to prove and prepare us for thy heavenly kingdom, endue me with sobriety both of body and mind; that I be not misled to take my portion with the men of this world, and to set my heart upon the things that perish.

Grant to me neither to be over much lifted up by prosperity, nor cast down by sorrows. Deliver me from craving the praises, or being troubled at the blame of mortal man. Aid me to resist the vain imaginations and wanderings of my carnal mind, and all inordinate desire of earthly things. Bless me, that I may be even in my temper, modest and gentle in my conversation, moderate in my manner of life, temperate in my mirth and recreation, and watchful against undue indulgence of my appetites in meat or drink.

So, by thy grace, may I use thy bounties piously, and pass the days of my pilgrimage here in watchfulness, and ever look forward in faith and hope to the blessings of the world to come; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for Diligence: Private.

O GOD, who hast encouraged us to patient continuance in well-doing by thy gracious promises of glory, and honour, and immortality, and rest with the Lord Jesus, grant to me that, in all due labour of my calling, I may have strength from thee, to strive with the sloth and weakness of my mortal nature.

Inspire me with the recollection of my Saviour's diligence; animate me with confidence, that in due season I shall reap, if I faint not; comfort me with zealous companions in the way of godliness, and support me with timely refreshment both of body and spirit, that I may serve thee gladly all my days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING. 1. The merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness upon children's children; even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.
Ps. ciii.

2. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is

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the Christ, is born of God. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. 1 *John v.*

3. Here have we no continuing city; but we seek one to come. *Heb. xiii.*

Let us pray.

O GOD of glory and Father of all mercy, in whom we sinful creatures live and move and have our being, we humbly adore thee for thine unwearied care of us in this world, and for the hopes thou hast given us of a better world to come hereafter.

O Thou, who neither sleepest nor sleepest, vouchsafe to us thy continued protection through the hours of darkness. We confess that we are undeserving of thy benefits, and that too often, O Lord, we have wilfully abused them. But, in the mediation of thy righteous Son Jesus Christ, we still intreat thy forgiveness, and hope for the renewal of thy mercies. Warn us, good Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, from day to day, that we may never make light of any sin, nor come before thee without true purposes of amendment. Grant us to discern with shame and sorrow our evil ways; discover to us the

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corruptness of our heart, and strengthen us to strive henceforth with all temptations; that we may seek above every earthly thing the comfort and blessedness of a good conscience.

Incline us to conduct ourselves with righteousness and good will to all our fellow-creatures, to respect their virtues, to bear with their weaknesses, and to excuse their faults: give us a friendly heart to rejoice with them in prosperity, and to minister comfort to them in their afflictions.

Suffer us not to be beguiled by Satan or our own carnal mind to long for anything which might lead us to future misery; but grant that, by thoughtful study of thy Holy Word, we may have a right judgement in all things to discern between truth and falsehood, good and evil; that as we grow in years we may grow in wisdom, and ever find fresh happiness in serving thee.

O Thou who art the Father and Saviour of all mankind, be pleased to pour forth thy manifold gifts upon our brethren that are in the world, especially those who dwell with us in this Christian land. As thou hast blessed them with the possession of thy Holy Scriptures, and the

doctrine of thine ever-blessed Son Jesus Christ, grant them continued increase in truth and righteousness. Give grace to men of every class piously to accept their condition, and to be duly subject one to another, in the fear of God.

Have mercy, O God, on all who are placed under righteous punishment of human laws, that they may repent of their sins, and amend their future life. Comfort those who are suffering wrongfully any sort of tribulation. Deliver the innocent. Restrain the hands of the lawless; and extend amongst us more and more the Gospel of peace.

Give zeal and faithfulness to the ministers of thy holy religion, and cause them to be honoured by all men for their work's sake. Bless Christian parents and masters, and all who in their respective places endeavour by word or example to promote thy kingdom. Continue to us, we humbly pray thee, the due supply of all our needs, not by the measure of our deserving, but for the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Thursday.

MORNING. 1. The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, and upon them that put their trust in his mercy : to deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth. *Ps. xxxiii.*

2. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. *Jer. xvii.*

Let us pray.

O LORD Almighty, our Creator and continual Benefactor, to thee do we lift up our eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy goodness ; and every blessing which we sinful creatures enjoy from day to day is a fresh witness to us of thy long-suffering and love.

We lament that we have so often failed of making thee a due return for all that we have received ; but through the intercession of our blessed Saviour we beseech thee, O Father, graciously to accept our prayers. Awaken now our hearts to gratitude, and quicken our steps this day in

the path of obedience, for without thee we can do nothing. Whatever be those employments which thy wise providence hath assigned to each of us, grant us satisfaction and joy in our endeavours to perform them faithfully. May we be blessed in this world with the marks of thine approval : sustain us with a competent provision for our earthly needs ; permit us to enjoy a fair reputation amongst our fellow-men ; and give us, above all things, a sure hope in Christ ; that by patient continuance in well-doing we may, in due season, reap glory, and honour, and immortality.

To thee, O Lord, we devote ourselves this day, that with a good conscience we may implore the assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Renew thy grace within us, that we may better discharge those duties about which we have some time hesitated through fear, or been neglectful through sloth. Preserve our thoughts in innocency, our bodies in temperance, our lips in charity and truth. Let nothing ensnare us into pride or boastfulness. Suffer us not to forget our sorrowing fellow-creatures whilst we are in health and prosperity, nor to mistrust thy power and goodness when we are cast down by trouble. But, in all the changes of this world, teach us to fix our

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hope and confidence in thee alone; that we may know how to be abased, and we may know how to abound.

Extend thy fatherly care, O God, to all our fellow-Christians, who think upon thy commandments to do them. Strengthen the hands and guide the counsels of those who rule in righteousness, especially those whom thou hast called to the government of this favoured people. Multiply the schools of Christian and industrial learning, and bless the diligence of those who teach in them. Reward all pious industry of masters and labourers both in the city and in the field. Watch over those who have no earthly protectors, according to thy holy promise. Guard those who navigate the sea in ships, and those who seek their livelihood in mines and perilous places. Enable all parents to support their families in credit and honesty; and raise up friends to those who are disabled by sickness, age, or need. So may thy true religion, O Lord, prevail amongst us more and more, that thy servants may be preserved in godliness, and sinners restored; to the advancement of our salvation, and the glory of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be given in thankfulness all

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praise and obedience, now and for ever.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NOON. *A Prayer for Trust in God: Private.*

ALMIGHTY God, from whose bountiful hand the whole creation is nourished and supplied, I humbly bless thee for thy gracious commandment, that we should take no thought for the morrow, but cast all our cares upon thee. Assist me, O heavenly Father, to fulfil thy word. Suffer not that any anxiety, either for this world or the world to come, should make me fall away from my trust in thee. If my sins have been great, thou hast opened unto me a door of hope in our merciful and faithful High-priest Jesus Christ. If misfortunes come thick upon me, and sore trials threaten me, yet thou hast held me up ever since I was born. In thy word is written the gracious promise, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Thy hand is not shortened because of my temptations; thou canst still make a way for me to escape, or make me able to bear

them. Lord, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.

Grant me, therefore, good Lord, that I may for ever cease from trusting in myself or any earthly thing. In joy and grief, in health and sickness, in good report and evil report, I pray alike for reliance only upon thee ; so that striving to please thee I may fear no evil, and be kept in peace and assurance of thy love through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING. 1. Let us search, and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord ; let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. *Lam. iii. Job xxxiv.*

2. All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. *Heb. iv.*

3. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest ; to tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season. *Ps. xcii.*

Let us pray.

O GREAT and ever-present Lord God, who art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways, we come before thee with a humble recollection of our many offences, and in all thankfulness for thy fatherly mercy, extended to us through the merits and intercession of thy blessed Son. Awaken us, O Lord, to an earnest and effectual sorrow for all our sins; not only those of our former life, but whatsoever we have added this day to the number of our neglects or offences. Move us at suitable times to compare ourselves thoughtfully with that perfect rule of godliness which thou hast given us in the gospel. If ever we have been ashamed to own ourselves the disciples of Christ, if we have been remiss in our devotions, murmurers against thy providence, or despisers of thy heavenly grace, for these and all other acts in which we were ungrateful and disobedient, O Lord, we beseech thy pardon.

We implore thy forgiveness of any word or deed by which we have wrought the injury of our neighbour. If we have spoken unrighteously, or dealt unjustly, if we have deceived, or flattered, or tempted any one to sin, we pray that we

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may amend our faults, and do so no more. And where we cannot for ourselves repair our offences against our brethren, do thou, O Lord, in mercy turn our evil into good.

Further we intreat thee, O heavenly Father, to look with compassion on the weaknesses of our mortal nature. Forgive us if our hearts have been turned in secret to vanity or worldliness; if we have misused any of thine earthly bounties, if we have been proud in the possession of them, or selfish in the use of them; and teach us to walk by the rule of soberness and charity more thoughtfully, as becometh Christians, for the time to come.

Vouchsafe thy blessing to men of every degree who have been baptized into the name of Christ, and made inheritors of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant to them, whatsoever be their outward calling, and the talents committed to them, to remember daily the account which they must give hereafter. May they not be high-minded but fear; may they forbear from judging others, and learn with a meek and watchful spirit to work out their own salvation. Bless and encourage all their pious endeavours, and give them a good hope because of thy word.

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We humbly offer to thee, O God, our forgiveness of all persons who have at any time done or wished us evil ; and we commit ourselves, now and always, to thy almighty protection. Keep us in body and spirit from all things that may hurt us. Give thy holy angels charge concerning us. Preserve us in sleep, and guide our waking thoughts to good ; and when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, grant that we may be found thy children, and may be presented before thee blameless, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Friday.

MORNING. I. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and gave his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
I *John iv ; Isaiah liii.*

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2. When he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned. *Matt. xxvii; Luke xxiii.*

3. The wages of sin is death. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. *Rom. vi; Lam. iii.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the merciful Father and the righteous Judge of all mankind, who didst not send thy beloved Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, inspire our hearts, we beseech thee, with true religion; that we may neither be too fearful of thy judgements, nor presume too boldly upon thy mercy.

We have seen, in the sacred blood of Jesus shed upon the cross, that the penalty of sin is death; and thy Holy Word hath opened our eyes to know in part the corruption of our nature, and the wickedness of our lives. We confess before thee that we have no righteousness of our own that

is worthy of thine acceptance or thy rewards. We have gone astray continually ; our transgressions have been many and great ; neither can we tell how often we have offended, even unto this very day.

Therefore we for ever bless thine unspeakable mercy, (and especially upon this day), that thou didst permit thine own innocent and glorious Son to pay the forfeit of our sins, to become a ransom for many. We pray, in the holy name of Jesus, that our iniquities may be forgiven. O Lord, confirm our repentance, accept our faith, convert our hearts, and give us a thankful spirit to spend in willing obedience the lives which thou hast spared.

Instruct us how we may spend the present day according to thy heavenly will. May we often remember the words and the example of Christ our Saviour, and learn from him to follow our respective callings diligently, to bear our trials patiently and with cheerfulness, to do good, and to submit to evil, according as thy righteous providence shall enable and require us.

As disciples of Jesus, may we learn how to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts. Strengthen us, O God, to resist all unholy desires, to conquer all evil pas-

sions, to turn away from all bad companions, and to forgive all enemies. Grant that we may never be ashamed of our religion, or hindered by the tongue of the scornful from the discharge of our duties ; but, after the pattern of our Redeemer, may we walk with meekness in the straight and narrow road which leadeth us unto life eternal.

We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to extend amongst our fellow-creatures the knowledge of thy Gospel, and the precious gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Glorify thy Son Jesus, and add to his church daily such as shall be saved. Be pleased to turn the hearts of those who have fallen away from the grace of baptism, and cast themselves a second time into the bondage of sin. Arouse them, good Lord, to repentance, that they may find mercy at thy hand. Bless especially those who profess and call themselves Christians in this our native land. Whatever be their outward condition, enable them with a good conscience to fulfil the duties of it, looking to thee for their reward ; so may thy mercies be continued to us in this world, and the crown of righteousness be our portion in the world to come : all which we ask through the merits of our Mas-

ter and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NOON. *A Prayer for Wisdom: Private.*

O GOD, who art the giver of all good things, and distributeſt them according to thy will, give me, I beſeech thee, ſuch wiſdom as is needful for myſelf and thoſe entrusted to me, during this mortal life.

Guard me from a vain preſumption on my own underſtanding, and from truſting in that worldly wiſdom which is fooliſhneſs before thee. Enlighten me, by thy holy religion, to ſee the path of duty plainly from day to day. Open mine eyes to diſcern the beauty of holineſs in my godly neighbours, that I may gather knowledge from their pious example. Give me a teachable ſpirit, both to receive advice and to endure reproof, and to learn alike from friends and enemies whatever is for my good.

When difficulties beſet me, vouchſafe to me, O Lord; thy ſpecial help, that I

may behave prudently in all my doings, to my own comfort, the blessing of my family, and the increase of thy kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Charity: Private.

O GOD, who hast set before us, in thy Holy Word, the history of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ upon earth, in order that it might be to us an everlasting pattern of heavenly charity, grant me in all my behaviour so to keep in mind his holy example, that I may learn from his life benevolence to my neighbours, and from his death forgiveness of my enemies.

Increase in me, good Lord, a spirit of zeal like his, to deny myself for works of mercy; instruct me how to minister comfort to the poor and sorrowful; strengthen me to bear with kindness the infirmities of the weak; and grant that, in my own defects and failings, I may find like favour at their hands and from thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING. 1. Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. *Heb. xii.*

2. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus shall God bring with him. *1 Thess. iv.*

3. God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life. *1 John v.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who for the forgiveness of us sinful men, didst permit thy blessed Son to die a miserable and shameful death, and so didst reconcile the world unto thyself, that we might still enjoy thy mercy and love, enable us now to come into thy presence with humble feelings and with grateful hearts. Whilst we were yet enemies and sinners, in due time Christ died for the

ungodly. Assist us to glorify his compassion, by confessing how greatly we have offended. O may we never make him so unworthy a return as to attempt the concealment of our evil doings from ourselves and from thee.

Forgive us, O Lord, in whatsoever respect we have this day fallen short of our duty: look with compassion upon our weakness, if we have been remiss in serving thee or our fellow-creatures; be merciful to us, if we have preferred our own wishes and pleasure to thy holy will, and assist us to labour more faithfully for those eternal blessings which thou hast promised us in the life to come. Grant us in Christ to be at peace with thee, through a sincere resolution to spend the remainder of our days as becometh his disciples. Having our consciences lightened by thy forgiveness, may we believe indeed that our Lord's yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

Give us true wisdom to discern the happiness of a godly life; and grace sufficient for us, that we may amend every evil habit, and follow our Saviour, each in his respective calling, with increasing earnestness and joy.

We praise thy holy name, O Lord, for

the lives which thou hast prolonged, and the comforts which thou hast multiplied unto us; for protection which we have daily experienced, and the many unknown deliverances vouchsafed to us from harm and danger. Keep us, we pray thee, through the advancing night; shield us from the lawlessness of wicked men, and the assaults of Satan. Let not the sleep of sin overtake our souls; but make us to remember that the time is short, and the night approaching when no man can work; so that we may ever serve thee watchfully, and look in peace and hope for the coming of our Lord.

Extend, O God, thy fatherly care and mercy to all mankind; watch over our kinsfolk and friends, and all our neighbours; assuage the sorrows of those who lie in sickness and misery; turn the hearts of the wicked; deliver them from the bondage of sin, and call them yet again, in thy mercy, to become partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Accept, we beseech thee, these our humble intreaties, which we offer in the name and merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Saturday.

MORNING. 1. The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works. All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee. *Psalms cxlv.*

2. O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Sion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. *Jer. x. Psalm cxxv.*

Let us pray.

O GRACIOUS God, and our most merciful Father, we give thee fresh thanks and praise for thine unwearied goodness to the children of men. We bless thee for thy protection of us during the past night; for it is thou, Lord, only which makest us to dwell in safety.

Be pleased still to keep us with thine almighty power in all our ways. As thou hast raised our bodies from sleep, arouse our spirits also, good Lord, to serve thee cheerfully; assist us from hour to hour to

remember thee, that we may look up to thee for help and guidance; make us watchful against those temptations which have formerly prevailed over us; grant that we may shun the companionship of the wicked, and go with zeal to our appointed work, with a sincere purpose of living soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Quicken us with a charitable and friendly spirit to look beyond our own concerns to the service and benefit of our neighbours: put far away from us all envy and unrighteous jealousy of their welfare: may we learn to bless thee for the prosperity of our brethren; and in whatever measure thou art pleased to reward our earthly diligence, grant us a willing heart both to provide for our own families, and to succour those whom thy providence has placed around us.

We desire of thee, O Lord, a humble mind, to judge benevolently, and to speak with charity, about all men; to be courteous, gentle, and long-suffering in all our behaviour; and so to conduct ourselves in every place, that men may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

We intreat thy mercy and blessing for

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all mankind, that the fruits of righteousness may abound amongst them more and more. Keep with thy providence, and sanctify with thy heavenly grace our relations and friends: may they find favour in thy sight, and live in peace and good reputation with their fellow-men.

Bless the companions of our labour, and men of our own condition in every place; especially our acquaintance, and those with whom we were brought up from childhood. O remember not the sins and offences of our youth, but help us all, whilst life and faculties are spared to us, to redeem the time, laying up for ourselves a good foundation unto life everlasting; so that, with all them that hope in Christ, we may finally enter into thy rest, through the merits of our righteous Redeemer; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NOON: *A Prayer for Heavenly-mindedness:*
Private.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast promised fulness

of joy and pleasure for evermore to the followers of thy beloved Son, grant to me, that neither the narrowness of my understanding nor the distractions of this present world may prevent me from setting my affections on things above.

Enable me so to consider and use thine earthly bounties, that they may never draw me aside from thee, but rather bear witness to me of those blessings which thou hast in store for thy faithful servants. Impress my soul with an unmoveable belief in all the hopes, which thou hast revealed to us: give me companionship with those that fear the Lord, and speak often one to another of his kingdom: give me frequent remembrance of those pious souls who have gone before, and sleep in Jesus: and, above all, inspire me, O God, with a hearty devotion to my Lord and Saviour, that I may keep his word, and desire his coming, and at last enter into his joy: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be love and adoration, now and for ever. Amen.

EVENING. I. We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that

every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. *Let us watch and pray, for we know not when the time is.* 2 *Cor. v* ; *Matt. xiii.*

2. Brethren, the time is short : it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none, and they that weep, as though they wept not, and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not ; and they that buy, as though they possessed not ; and they that use this world, as not abusing it : for the fashion of this world passeth away. 1 *Cor. vii.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, the author of our being, and the unceasing guardian of our lives, look down on us with thine accustomed mercy, and be pleased to accept our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving.

We acknowledge thy goodness in appointing to us a time for all things, that in due season we may diligently make provision both for our souls and bodies. We bless thee, O Lord, for the unchangeable love with which thou ever watchest over us. Thy mercy hath measured out our trials and sweetened our toils. O may we ever look with a religious and

contented mind on the portion which thou hast assigned to us ; remembering always, that thou knowest, better than ourselves, what is for our good. Teach us to see thy fatherly hand in all that befallerh us, and to leave to thy disposal, as dutiful children, the issue of all our undertakings. Thou only hast preserved us during the week that is past. Whatever comforts we have enjoyed, whatever dangers we have escaped, we ascribe it to thy almighty care ; to thee we owe our competence, and peace, and safety ; our trials and sorrows are no less mercifully measured out by thee. And now, on the eve of a Christian Sabbath, we withdraw our thoughts from things which perish, to bestow them, as thou hast taught us, on the welfare of our immortal souls.

We confess, O Lord, to our shame and sorrow, that in many things we have thought too little of thy holy commandments : we have sinned grievously ; we know, that we have not made due return for thy great benefits, nor improved, as we ought to have done, thy warnings and grace.

But thy beloved Son is all worthy to obtain the pardon of our sins : through his intercession, grant us, good Lord,

truly to repent of them : draw us in faith to him, that henceforth we may serve thee better, and advance in those holy dispositions which may fit us for thy rewards in heaven. Guard us this night, we beseech thee, from the powers of darkness. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling ; that we may rise with bodies refreshed and thankful spirits to the duties of the Lord's Day. Watch over our dear relations and friends, and all our neighbours, rich and poor : keep them from misusing thine ordinances, and grant them to strengthen one another in the ways of godliness.

O heavenly Father, we implore thy mercy in behalf of our fellow-creatures, whoever of them see the end of their course and the hour of death approaching. Take not thy Holy Spirit from them at their greatest need. Accept their repentance, and hold them up in faith through the last trial of our mortal nature ; and may we, who remain, so faithfully redeem the time, that, at the hour of thy summons, we too may die the death of the righteous, and our last end may be like his.

Grant this, O Lord, and whatever else we have asked, according to thy will, through the mediation of Jesus Christ

our Saviour; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be love, honour, and obedience, now and for ever. Amen.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Or this;

THE Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto

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us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

THE END.

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